



***PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE***

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut’s statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 96% of Connecticut’s population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

**SB 423      “An Act Concerning Municipal Fire Apparatus Safety and Testing”**

**CCM is unaware of the need for SB 423.**

The bill would require all municipal and volunteer fire departments to maintain certain equipment in compliance with the standards of the National Fire Protection Act. While the safety of local first responders is a paramount concern to municipal officials, CCM is unaware of the need for this legislation at this time.

CCM would ask the Office of Fiscal Analysis to provide a detailed fiscal note on what the cost to meet this standard would be, and for the Office of Legislative Research to provide any information on comparable national fire safety codes in order to determine the safest and most cost efficient standard that towns and cities of varying means and capacities may be asked to comply with.

CCM urges the Committee to **take no action on SB 423.**

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